

CMD, the officer concerned was informed on 23rd May, 1991 to await further communication from Govt of India. Subsequently after issue of notification the Officer was advised by Govt. of India to take charge of the post. He resumed charge on 7th June 1991.

Elevation of High Court Judges to Supreme Court

396. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of High Court Judges elevated to the Supreme Court during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 ;

(b) their seniority in the All India List of Judges on the date of elevation ;

(c) the number of posts of Judges of the Supreme Court as on April 1, 1988, April 1, 1989, April 1, 1990 and April 1, 1991 and the vacancies on these dates and

(d) the time by which the existing vacancies are likely to be filled ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) (a) The requisite information is given in the attached statement-I.

(b) Appointments of Judges are made in terms of article 124 of the Constitution of India and the person considered suitable is appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India. There is no All India Service of High Court Judges.

(c) The requisite information is given in the attached statement-II

(d) The process of consultation for filling up the existing vacancies of Judges in the Supreme Court is on and it is not possible to indicate precisely by which time, the existing vacancies are likely to be filled up

STATEMENT I

S. No	Name of the Judge	Date of Appointment in the Supreme Court
1	S/Shri Justice N D Ojha	19-01-88
2	S R Pandian	14-12-88
3	Dr T. K. Thonmen	14-12-88
4	A M Ahluwari	14-12-88
5	K N Sankia	14-12-88
6	Kuldip Singh	14-12-88
7	Jagdish Sharan Verma	03-06-89
8	V Ramaswami	06-10-89
9	P B Sawant	06-10-89
10	N M Kasirwal	06-10-89
11	Madanmohan Puri	06-10-89
12	K Ramaswami	06-10-89
13	Kumari Bevi, Meera Sahib Fathima	06-10-89
14	K J Reddy	11-01-90
15	S C Agarwal	11-01-90
16	Rani Manohar Sahai	11-01-90
17	Yogeshwar Dayal	22-01-91

STATEMENT II

Date as on	Sanctioned strength	Actual strength	Vacancies
1st April, 1988	26	17	9
1st April, 1989	26	20	6
1st April, 1990	26	25	1
1st April, 1991	26	23	3

Cancellation of Right of Occupation and Continuation of Lessees in Lucknow, Kanpur and Meerut Cantonment Areas

397. SHRI M. V. CHANDRA-SHEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Directorate of Defence Estates, Lucknow and the Government have received any representation during the past three months from the residents of Lucknow, Kanpur and Meerut cantonments for cancelling the right of occupation and continuation of lessees in the leasehold land premises where the lease periods have since expired, and

(b) if so, the steps taken to remove the erstwhile lessees ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above, question does not arise.

[Translation]

Recruitment of SCs/STs in Armed Forces

398. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is

much less in three Services of the Armed Forces (Navy, Army and Air Force); and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to give proper representation to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Armed Forces ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Selection to all ranks in the Armed Forces is open to all eligible Indian nationals, irrespective of caste, creed, community and religion. As such, there is no reservation quota in favour of any caste, tribe or community.

[English]

Manufacture of Infantry Weapons

399. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has achieved self-sufficiency in manufacture of small arms and ammunition in relation to re-equipping of the infantry,

(b) if so, whether such infantry weapons are comparable with small arms developed and in use by other countries, in efficiency, quality and cost-wise ;